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PROPHIT *Yusuf* PBUH

All
praises
are due to Allah. We
praise Him, seek His help, and
ask for his forgiveness. And I bear witness
that Muhammad (PBUH) is his servant and messen-
ger, as for what follows.

Verily, the path of Da'wah and Jihad has never been
paved with the red carpets and flowers. Rather, it is a
path of trials, tribulations and sacrifices. The greatest
humans to walk on this planet such as the Prophets
and the Messengers endured hardships patiently while
treading this path.

The price of Da'wah and Jihad is nothing but spilled
blood, torn limbs, imprisonment and so on. And the
light of dawn will not be lit in the darkness except with
the patience upon these trials on this path.

Allah the Blessed and Exalted said, **"Or think you that
you will enter paradise without such (trials) as came
to those who passed away before you? They were af-
flicted with severe poverty and ailments and were so
shaken that even the Messenger and those who be-
lieved along with him said, "When (will come) the help
of Allah?" Yes! Certainly, the help of Allah is near!"**
[2:214]

It was reported on the authority of Khabbab (RA)
who said, **"We complained to Allah's Messenger**

(PBUH)
while He was
reclining on a cloak of
his in the shade of the Ka'bah. We
said 'will you not seek help for us? Will you
not supplicate for us?' He said 'Indeed, from those
who came before you, a man would be taken and a
hole would be dug for him in the ground and he would
be placed inside. Then a saw would be brought and
placed on his head and he would be sawed in half. And
he would be raked with iron combs beneath his bones
and flesh, but that would not turn him back from his
religion. By Allah, this matter will be completed, to the
point that a traveller will travel from Sana'a to Hadra-
mawt not fearing anyone but Allah and a wolf after his
sheep, but you are being hasty."

Thus, the believers have been consistently assailed
and harmed for seeking to live by the morality of the
Quran and the principles of the religion. Throughout the
history there has been persistent slandering and false
accusations against the believers in order to character
assassinate them and thus make them appear guilty in
the eyes of the people.

So, the false convictions and unjustified imprison-
ments of the truthful Muslims is not a new phenomena.
Rather, this tactic has been used since ages by the peo-
ple of falsehood against the truthful believers.

Allah the Blessed and Exalted about the Prophet Yusuf said, **“Then it occurred to them, after they had seen the proofs (of his innocence), to imprison him for a time” [12:35]**

The Prophet Yusuf (PBUH) was thus imprisoned without any justification after the rumours spread in the town about the act of indecency plotted by the wife of the Aziz. They wanted to prove to the public that Yusuf was the one who tried to seduce the wife of Aziz, and hence punished him with the imprisonment. This is why when the King ordered after a long time that Yusuf (PBUH) be released from the jail. But Yusuf (PBUH) refused to leave until His innocence was ascertained and the allegation against him refuted. When this was successfully achieved, Yusuf left the prison with his honor intact, peace be upon him. Therefore, outcome of the imprisonment of several years was emancipation and triumph.

Allah the Blessed and Exalted said, **“Thus, did We give full authority to Yusuf in the land, to take possession therein, when or where he likes. We bestow of Our mercy on whom We will, and we make not to be lost the reward of the good doers. And verily, the reward of the Hereafter is better for those who believed and had Taqwa.” [12:56, 57].**

Imam Ibn al Athir said in his book Al-kamil-fil Tarikh, **“that when Yusuf (PBUH) left the prison, he wrote on the door of his cell, “This is the grave of the living, the house of the dejected, the place of trail for friends and a blow upon the face of enemies.”**

Throughout his stay in the prison, Yusuf (PBUH) demonstrated his superior character through patience, submission to Allah, determination and insight. He told the other inmates about the existence of Allah and His unity, and warned them against worshipping others besides Him. He also used his gift of interpreting dreams to explain to his fellow inmates the meanings of their dreams but only after first reminding them of Allah. **“And thus, we have made for every prophet an enemy - devils from mankind and jinn, inspiring to one another decorative speech in delusion. But if your Lord had willed, they would not have done it, so leave them and that which they invent.” (Al-An’am 112)**

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The accursed infidels of Qureish boycotted the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and his companions for successive three years and thus created the prison like situations for the believers. Those three years were from the most difficult times of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) in the Mekkan period.

Yet the believers were steadfast and Allah delivered

them from that trial and gave them authority in the city of Madeena. However, it was only after severe trials and tribulations in Mecca firstly and then in Madeena.

Likewise, our pious predecessors were severely tested in religion as has been the Sunnah of Allah subhanhu wa ta’ala. The legends of Islam such as Imaam Ahmad Ibn Hanbal, Imam Al Bukhari, Imaam Shafee, Imam ibn Taymiyyah (May Allah have mercy upon them alla) and so on, were harmed severely in religion.

A believer is never disappointed by the decree of Allah, because it is always a win situation for him.

And when they were threatening Imam ibn Taymiyyah with jail, he said; **“What can my enemies do with me! My paradise is in my heart. If they imprison me I will make Zikr of Allah. If they kill me i would be a Shaheed. If they exile me i will make taffaqr in the creation of Allah. So, what can my enemy do to me?”**

Therefore, those members of Muslim Ummah whom Allah has made to face the trial of imprisonment either through themselves or through the members of their family! Have patience and pass your time in worshipping Allah. Our advice for you is to remember the saying of Allah, **“And it may be that you dislike a thing which is good for you and that you like a thing which is bad for you. Allah knows but you do not know” [2:216].**

Furthermore, it is only a matter of time when Allah almighty decides the matter between us and the Kuffar. Therefore the believer should not hasten the results, rather he should put his trust upon Allah almighty and be patient upon the trials. A believer is never disappointed by the decree of Allah, because it is always a win situation for him. Say, **“Do you await for us except one of the two best things while we await for you that Allah will afflict you with punishment from Himself or at our hands? So wait; indeed we, along with you, are waiting. (At-Tawbah, 52)**

A hadith states: Amazing is the believer, for whatever Allah decrees for him, it is better for him!

- If he is tested with a bounty, he is grateful for it and this is better for him;
- And if he is afflicted with a hardship, he is patient with it and this is better for him.

So, if Allah has decreed that a certain person should be in prison and has decreed for certain family that one of their members is imprisoned, we as believers should believe that this decree is good and there is a Hikmah (wisdom) in it. We should have the trust and faith in whatever Allah has destined for us. The messenger of Allah (PBUH) used to ask Allah to make Him satisfied and happy with what Allah has decreed for Him.

Moreover,, this is a test of your sabr (patience): the one deed that Allah almighty has promised an open reward. There is no limit for the reward that Allah almighty has promised for ones who are patient. Allah the Blessed and Exalted said, **“Only those who are patient shall receive their reward in full, without reckoning” [39:10].** And He the Blessed and Exalted also said, **“O you who believe! Seek help in patience and in As-Salah (the prayer). Truly, Allah is with As-Sabirin (the patient). [2:153]**

It was reported on the authority of Abu Said Al-Khudri (RH) who said, **“Some Ansari persons asked for (something) from Allah’s messenger (PBUH) and he gave them. They again asked him for (something) and he again gave them. And then they asked him and he gave them again till all that was with him finished. And then he said ‘If I had anything, I would not keep it away from you.(Remember) Whoever abstains from asking others, Allah will make him contented, and whoever tries to make himself self-sufficient, Allah will make him self-sufficient. And whoever remains patient, Allah will make him patient. Nobody can be given a blessing better and greater than patience” [Bukhari 24:548]**

All the while the believer should make Dua with all sincerity, truthfulness and belief in Allah subhanahu wa ta’ala for His help, because it is from among the strongest of the weapons. Allah will respond to it and He will surely accept the Dua. Umar Ibn al-Khattab used to say, **“I am not worried about Allah not accepting my prayers, but I am worried about the way I pray to Allah”**

If Allah out of His infinite wisdom wants a believer to be in a prison for some time, then the best deed he can do there is to be satisfied with His decision and patient upon the trials. Therefore, it is a victory for the believer for being patient upon the trials is victory. Yes, indeed victory is firmness upon aqidah and manhaj, and patience upon this path. And congratulations to those who are patient because the final victory belongs to the righteous ones and the ones who are patient. Allah the Blessed and Exalted said, **“And certainly, we shall test you with something of fear, hunger, loss of wealth, lives and fruits, but give glad tidings to As-Sabirin (the patient) [2:155].**

To, the Muslims all over the world we say, if some of our brothers and sisters have been tested through the imprisonment. The story does not end there, rather we are also tested through those prisoners. We shall be ques-

tioned about them on the day of the Judgement. The so called leaders and the evil scholars have almost been exposed to the Ummah because they speak for every cause for their own. You hear their loud howling when it is the other causes, yet they put a muzzle on their mouth when it is the causes of this Ummah. Allah the Blessed and Exalted said, **“Truly, this, your Ummah is one, and I am your lord, therefore worship me.” [21:92].** And He the Blessed and Exalted said, **“The believers are but a brotherhood.” [49:10].** And Allah the Blessed and Exalted also said, **“And they give food, in spite of their love for it, to the poor, the orphan and the captive,” [76:8].** Ibn’ Abbas said, **“At that time (when this Ayah was revealed) their (the muslims) captives were idolaters.”**

If this is the way we should treat the prisoners of Kuffar who come to kill us. Then how should we treat the brothers and sisters in faith who are being oppressed, mistreated or sentenced and taken away from their families and their children unjustly. But unfortunately, the hearts nowadays have grown harder than rocks. When a brother is brought down unjustly by the Kuffar. The modernists and the Murjiah all unite in one camp rejoicing over the trials of the believers. Then there are others who are silent and do not care about the sufferings of the oppressed people.

It is reported from Abu Hurairah (RA) that Messenger of Allah Muhammad (PBUH) said, **“A Muslim is the brother of a Muslim. He does not wrong him, forsake him or despise him.” [Bukhari; Muslim].**

Imam Nawawi commented on this hadith in Sharah Muslim (16/120) saying, **“the scholars said, ‘forsaking him is leaving him in when he is in need and despising him means, if he asks for help to remove an evil in his life, he must help him if he can and if he does not he a legitimate excuse not to.’”**

Ahmad narrated that Abu Umamah Bin Sahl narrated from his father that the Prophet (PBUH) said, **“He in whose presence a Muslim is humiliated and who does not help him, being able to help him, Allah will humiliate him before all creatures on the day of judgement.”**

Imam Muhammad Bin Abdul Wahab in his book Al-kaba’ir (the major sins) considers failing a Muslim brother in times of need, letting him down in time of need a major sin. He has put an entire chapter regarding this matter in the book. If failing your brother in times of need is an major sin then imagine how it is when one gloats



and rejoices or has a happy feeling in his heart when a brother is in misery or in need or in hardship. A righteous believer can't let down his brother even if he himself faces misery because of that.

Look at the story of the believer of the nation of Fir'aun, a single believer. He was surrounded by enemies from every side and angle. But that did not stop him from speaking and standing for the weak. And He the Blessed and Exalted said, **"And a believing man of Fir'awn's family, who hid his faith said: 'Would you kill a man because he says: 'My lord is Allah,' and he has come to you with clear signs (proofs) from your lord? And if he is a liar, upon him will be (the sin of) his lie; but if he is telling the truth, but some of that (calamity) wherewith he threatens you will befall on you.' Verily Allah guides not one who is Musrif (a polytheist or a murderer who shed blood without a right, or those who commit great sins, oppressor, and transgressor), a liar! [40:28]**

It is from the utmost responsibilities of the muslims that he removes the distress from the other oppressed muslims brothers and sisters and more so when someone from the Muslimeen is in the prisons of the kuffar. Therefore we must try every possible way to free them and comfort them. Umar Ibn Al Khattab was thinking about how to free the prisoners while he was on his death bed. Imam Malik says, **"When freeing them is not possible, then you must do Mua'sa to them."**

Mua'sa is giving them sympathy, giving them consolation and hope, treating them good, communicating with them, visiting them in jails, visiting their families, raising awareness about them among the Ummah etc.

However, the so called islamic organisations abandoned the oppressed Muslim brother and their cause. Meanwhile, Allah gave the soldiers of the Islamic State Tawfeeq and chose them for this noble cause. The Mujahideen of the Islamic State left no stone unturned to release the brothers and sisters from the prisons of the Tawagheet. The Islamic State prepared armies and carried out Ingimasi operations to carry out the prison breaks. The defeatist, deluded and appologetic mentality is under their feet. They never feared the blame of the blamers in carrying out the obligations of Islam.

Thus, they looked after the weak and oppressed of this Ummah. May Allah reward them and grant them Ikhlās in their work. They fulfilled the real meaning of, **"The believers are but a brotherhood."** The soldiers of the Islamic State exceeded all others. Thus carried out assaults, defeated the foes and started to release the brothers and sisters from the prisons of Tawageet all over the world. From the very first day of the Islamic State, the releasing of the prisoners was felt among the main obligations of its soldiers and leadership towards the oppressed Ummah. As a result, the famous torture

and persecution centers like Abu Garib were emptied of the Islamic scholars and sons of Tawheed and it was all done through the help and support of Allah alone. Then the prison of Ramadi was raided by the brothers of the Islamic State and thus numerous brothers were released with the help of Allah. **"..... And sufficient is your lord as a guide and a supporter." [Furqaan; 31]**

As the kuffar are intensifying their oppression against the oppressed Muslims, we as an Ummah are obliged to help each other in the times of difficulty. By Allah, we will never forget how our beloved sister Aafia Siddique was repeatedly raped by the filthy pig eating crusaders and how our dear sister Sajidah Rashavi was tortured and killed by the apostate regime of Jordon and the list goes on. There are still thousands of sisters imprisoned by the apostate SDF in al Houli Camp and they are living in extreme difficult conditions. Yet, some of the sisters are tortured in the prisons of the heretical Rafidhis, and many others who are still in the prisons of America, Europe and the rest of the world. And who would forget the truthful scholars imprisoned by the apostate Saudi regime just because they stood for their religion.

The countries like India, Pakistan and Afghanistan are no more different than others in oppressing and imprisoning the Muslims. The forced disappearances are rampant in the countries like India and Pakistan. The concentrations camps set up by the Chinese authorities in East Turkistan for Uyghur Muslims are not hidden from us, neither are we indifferent towards their cause.

By imprisoning the Muslims in en mass, you want to put out the light of Islam in China? Nay! we won't let that happen because we do not forget and forsake our brethern. We still consider Spain ours and its revenge is inevitable, so how can we forsake the Muslims in China when we have witnessed their sufferings and torture at the hands of the chinese authorities. O the oppressed Ummah! We never forget you even for a second. We will never forget or forsake our brothers who are in the prisons of America, Russia, Iran, India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, China, Saudi Arabia, Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, Africa and others. **We ask Allah to give us the strength so that we may release you from the prisons by our swords.** Just as the brothers from the Islamic State in Ghazwah al Istinzaf 3, Ramadhan (20 to 30 1441 H) released more than 500 Muslims from the prison in Wilayah Sham with the help of Allah. So All praise is due to Allah, Lord of the worlds.

